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ROUND IN NICE DISTRICT
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1. SUMMARY - THE CONSIDERABLE ADVANCES MADE BY THE LEFT
IN THE NICE CONSULAR DISTRICT IN THE FIRST ROUND WERE NOT
ONLY CONFINED TO THE LARGE CITIES BUT ARE ALSO NOTICEABLE
IN SMALL AND MIDDLE-SIZED COMMUNITIES IN THE DISTRICT. THE
MAJOR SURPRISE IN THE AREA WAS THE FAILURE OF JACQUES
MEDECIN, MAYOR OF NICE, TO WIN RE-ELECTION ON THE FIRST ROUND
IN ANY ONE OF THE THREE NEWLY ESTABLISHED SECTORS OF THE
CITY. HE WAS HURT BOTH BY THE JOBERTISTS AND ECOLOGISTS
AS WELL AS BY AN INCREASE IN VOTES FOR THE COMMON PROGRAM
CANDIDATE. SENATOR F. PALMERO IN MENTON IS IN SERIOUS
DIFFICULTY IN THE SECOND ROUND. A POSSIBLE UPSET IN BRIANCON
(HAUTES ALPES) MAY SEE THE INCUMBENT MAYOR, SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS, PAUL DIJOU (R.I.) LOSE TO COMMON
PROGRAM CANDIDATE ROBERT DE CAUMONT, (P.S.), FORMER SOUS-
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2. ALPES MARITIMES - IN NICE NO ONE ANTICIPATED THAT
JACQUES MEDECIN WOULD HAVE HAD DIFFICULTY IN ALL THREE SECTORS
OF THE CITY. VOTING FOR MEDECIN WAS AS FOLLOWS : FIRST SECTOR -
46 & VS. 49 & IN 1971 : SECOND SECTOR - 45 & VS. 52 &
IN 1971 : THIRD SECTOR - 45 & VS. 49 & IN 1971. MEDECIN WAS

HURT BY THE STRONG GAIN OF THE LEFT, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE GAULLISTS OF THE OPPOSITION, IN ADDITION TO THE 12.5 & OF THE TOTAL VOTE WHICH WENT TO THE JOBERTISTS. IN 1971, THE COMMUNIST CANDIDATE OBTAINED ONLY 28 & OF THE TOTAL VOTE VS. LAST SUNDAY S 40.5 & VOTE FOR THE COMMON PROGRAM CANDIDATE, CHARLES CARESS(P.C.).

IN CANNES, BERNARD ORNUT-GENTILE (INDEPENDENT) WAS EASILY ELECTED ON THE FIRST ROUND WITH 62 & OF THE VOTE (VS. 70 & IN 1971) OVER LUCIEN NEUWIRTH.

WITH THE SOLE EXCEPTION OF THE RACE IN NICE, THE CITY OF MENTON WILL ATTRACT MOST ATTENTION IN THE SECOND ROUND. THE INCUMBENT, SENATOR FRANCIS PALMERO, IS TRAILING HIS MAIN OPPONENT, R.P.R. DEPUTY EMMANUEL AUBERT, ON THE FIRST ROUND. AUBERT RECEIVED 33 & OF THE VOTE TO PALMERO S 31 &.. THERE WILL THUS BE THREE LISTS PRESENTED NEXT SUNDAY - 1) PALMERO 2) AUBERT AND 3) COMMON PROGRAM - WHICH WAS AGREED UPON FOLLOWING FIRST ROUND.

THE COMMUNIST MAYOR OF VALLAURIS, PAUL DERIGON, WAS SURPRISINGLY DEFEATED BY HIS SOCIALIST OPPONENT, PIERRE DONNET. FOLLOWING THE FIRST ROUND, THE COMMUNIST PARTY RETAINED CONTROL OF NOT ONLY THE TOWN HALL OF BEAUSOLEIL BUT ALSO OF TEN SMALLER TOWNS IN THE DEPARTMENT.

IN GRASSE, THE INCUMBENT, HERVE DE FONTMICHEL (MAJORITY) OBTAINED ONLY 44 & OF THE VOTES ON THE FIRST ROUND. HE MAY BE IN SERIOUS TROUBLE IN SUNDAY'S RUN-OFF WHEN HE IS PITTED UNCLASSIFIED

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AGAINST COMMUNIST CANDIDATE GEORGES VASSALO, WHO OBTAINED 38 & OF THE VOTE LAST SUNDAY.

IN ANTIBES, TO NO ONE S SURPRISE, PIERRE MERLI (RADICAL), LED THE MAJORITY TO A SOUND VICTORY BY OBTAINING 60 & OF THE VOTE.

3. CORSICA - IN BASTIA, JEAN ZUCCARELLI (RADICAL DE GAUCHE) HAS NO DIFFICULTY IN WINNING RE-ELECTION C: HE OBTAINED A TOTAL OF 64 & OF THE VOTE.

IN AJACCIO, WHERE THE LEFTIST VOTE WAS THE HIGHEST IN 30 YEARS, THE INCUMBENT MAYOR, CHARLES ORNANO (BONAPARTIST) OBTAINED 42 & OF THE VOTE ON THE FIRST ROUND. THE COMMON PROGRAM LIST RECEIVED 31 & AS OPPOSED TO 22 & IT RECEIVED IN THE PARTIAL ELECTIONS HELD IN 1975. JOSE ROSSI, (R.I./C.D.S.) WON 27 & OF THE TOTAL VOTE.

4. HAUTES ALPES - IN BRIANCON, THE INCUMBENT MAYOR, PAUL

DIJOURD, (SECRETARY OF STATE FOR IMMIGRANT WORKERS, R.I.)
IS IN SERIOUS DIFFICULTY ON THE SECOND ROUND DUE TO THE
STRONG VOTE RECEIVED BY THE SEPARATE P.S. AND P.C. LISTS
WHICH TOTAL 51 & VS. DIJOURD S 46 &. IN GAP THE ENTIRE
LIST OF THE MAJORITY, HEADED BY THE INCUMBENT MAYOR, MR
GIVAUDAN, WAS ELECTED WITH A CONFORABLE 54 & OF THE VOTE
WHILE THE UNION DE LA GAUCHE RECEIVED 40 & - OR 6 & LESS
THAN IN 1971

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